

SAYS HALL'S VISITS CAUSED GOSSIP

Mrs. Opie Heard No Hymns Sung At Rendezvous

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teration. Daniel knew Mayer several years ago on the American, when the change was made.

Something on Willie's Mind

Friday morning, the day after the double murder and before the bodies were found, Willie, according to Mrs. Riehl, said to her while she was setting the table for breakfast:

"Oh, I'd rather not tell you why I'm up so early. I'd rather have Frances tell you. You know something terrible happened last night. Dr. Hall hasn't been home all night. Don't tell her I told you."

In referring to the telephone conversation which sent the minister to his death, the maid quoted Dr. Hall as follows:

"Yes, yes, yes; that's too bad. I was going to the church later. Can't we arrange to meet later, say at 8:15?"

Later Mrs. Riehl, whose husband's annulment suit precipitated this murder trial by alleging his wife had boasted a knowledge of the murder, intimated that the state was twisting her evidence to its own purpose.

Friday night, according to the witness, Willie asked his sister if she was going to bed.

I Know He Must Be Dead"

"I thought he would come home last night, but he won't tonight. I know he must be dead or he would communicate with me," was Mrs. Hall's reply.

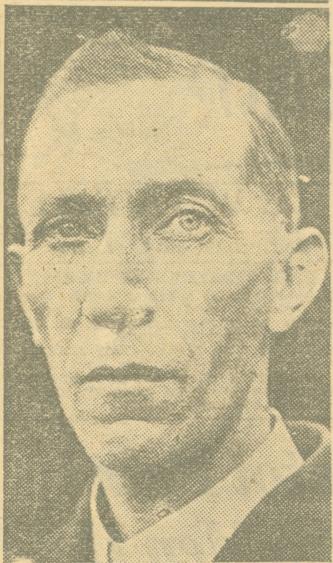
On cross-examination the former maid said that on the morning after the killings she had gone to Mrs. Hall about 9 o'clock asking if she should keep Mr. Hall's breakfast warm.

"Mrs. Hall's eyes were red," she said. "I could see that she had been crying and that she was worried.

"Shall I keep the things warm?" I said, and she replied:

"No, Mr. Hall hasn't been home all night. I don't know where he

Widower in the Case



JAMES MILLS.

is, and I can't imagine what has happened to him."

Q. Did she tell you she had telephoned the police? A. Yes, she said she had asked the police about casualties and accidents, and I think she also phoned the hospitals.

Faces Original Testimony

Simpson confronted the witness with a transcript of the testimony which she gave at the original grand jury investigation concerning the subject of whether Mrs. Hall might have listened in on the conversation between her husband and Mrs. Mills. This testimony had been considered one of the state's strongest links in its chain of evidence.

Q. You told the November 1922

Tells of Rector's Many Calls



MRS. MILLIE L. OPIE, neighbor of Mrs. Mills, said that the fair choir singer was the object of almost daily attention on the part of Dr. Hall.

grand jury that you saw Mrs. Hall hang up the receiver? A. I don't remember.

Simpson repeated again and again that he was surprised at Mrs. Riehl's testimony on the witness stand, in view of what she had been quoted as saying before the grand jury.

John G. Dunn, a fireman of New Brunswick, took the stand and said that at the time of the murders he knew Willie Stevens and heard him tell another member of engine company 3 that there had been trouble at home. He said he thought this was before the murders, but was not sure, and could not fix the date.

Used the Opie Telephone

Mrs. Millie L. Opie, the next witness, lived next door to Mrs. Mills, and knew the choir singer twenty years. Mrs. Mills often used the telephone in the Opie home, the witness said, and Mrs. Opie frequently received calls for her from Mr. Hall over a period of several years, sometimes as often as twice a week.

On the day of the murders she received a message by telephone from Mr. Hall, who wanted to speak to Mrs. Mills, but the choir singer did not respond to repeated calls, and Mrs. Opie told the rector Mrs. Mills was not at home. He told Mrs. Opie to tell the choir singer he had called, but left no other message.

"I saw her again at about a quarter after 7 that night, a block from our house. She was going home, and I told her Dr. Hall had called. She asked me where I was going, and I said I was waiting for a car to take me to a friend's house. I told her she could go back and use the telephone in my home, if she wanted to, but she didn't say whether she would or not. Then my car came and I left her."

Mrs. Clarke With Carpender

Mrs. Opie said she saw Mrs. Minna Clarke going into the Mills home at about 2 p. m. Saturday shortly after the bodies were found. She arrived there in an automobile with Edwin Carpender, a cousin of Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Opie did not know whether he went into the house.

Carpender stood up in the courtroom, and Mrs. Opie said:

"That looks like him."

She also identified some of Mrs. Mills's clothing. She said there were several bundles of papers in the back of Carpender's car. Simpson, replying to Case's objections,

said the state would prove these papers were taken from the Hall home Saturday.

Mrs. Opie said she did not belong to Dr. Hall's congregation, but knew of gossip concerning the relations between the pastor and choir singer.

"Of course, I noticed that Mr. Hall came to the Mills home very frequently. Always in the daytime, about 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, when Charlotte and Danny were in school and Mr. Mills was at work.

"Sometimes the rector stayed a half hour. He came almost any time of the day, and almost every day, and parked his car, a closed car, across the street. He always used the same car, which I recognized as belonging to him but of which I did not know the make."

She said the sewing room in her room looked down on the steps of the Mills house, and that was why she saw Dr. Hall go there so often.

Senator Case asked who "indulged" in neighborhood talk and Mrs. Opie named a Mrs. Hardy and a Mrs. Latham. Mrs. Latham, she said, was a parishioner of Dr. Hall.

Staging the Show



ALEX SIMPSON

"Mrs. Latham said that if Mr. Hall could call eight or nine times in one week on Mrs. Mills and could not call to see her once a year, she was going to another church," Mrs. Opie said.

"You never heard them singing

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Tombs Riot Probe Crops Up With Battle in Court

The recent Tombs riot in which three gunmen and two guards were killed had a slightly less tragic aftermath today in the torn shirt and sleeves worn by Harry Gittleson, counsel for Oscar Amberg and Robert Weinger, who are accused of furnishing the pistols used by the convicts.

And policemen are also smarting today under the rebuke of Magistrate Macrory in the Home Court, who declared that they had acted in an "outrageous and uncalled for" manner.

The excitement started when Gittleson got into a disagreement with Assistant District Attorney Joseph Pascocello. The two, according to witnesses, battled with one another until policemen and court attendants joined the fray. For a few minutes the court was thrown into an uproar.

When the lawyer was being hustled out the magistrate ordered him released and then berated the policemen. The hearing of the two was then adjourned until November 17, after Gittleson insisted that the arrest of his clients was "outrageous" and that they be released in bail.

Court Holds Ex-Cop On Charges of Mount Vernon Girl

Arrested on a warrant sworn out by the father of 16-year-old Edith L. Smith of 356 Union Ave., Mount Vernon, Harold Speidell of Mount Vernon, a former policeman, was held in \$2,500 bail for a hearing next Wednesday when arraigned before Acting City Judge William J. Coffey, in Mount Vernon.

The girl vanished from home November 1 and returned yesterday, while police in Mount Vernon were searching for her. She is alleged to have told her father that Speidell took her to his Mount Vernon garage and then came back with her to her mother's cottage, at Silver Beach, Throg's Neck.

The girl said she remained away from home because she was afraid to face her parents.

JEHOSHAPHAT LODGE HAS FIRST REGULAR MEETING

Five candidates were initiated into the rites of the first degree by Jehoshaphat Lodge, F. & A. M. U. D., last night at the newly formed lodge's first regular meeting in Mecca Temple, 56th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. The meeting was largely attended.

Master Bernard Gruber presided at the meeting. Brother Bernard Goldman addressed the meeting and welcomed the new members.

Adonis Cop Out, Wife Calls; Now Furniture's Gone, Too

Mrs. Wandling came wandering home Thursday night, her husband, Patrolman George S. Wandling, informed The GRAPHIC yesterday; but, unfortunately, her visit occurred while her spouse, Police Department Adonis, was busily pounding his beat.

The delightfully spontaneous nature of her call, however, Wandling declared, so filled him with a desire to see her again that he secured a summons which he tried to serve upon her at the Broadway View Apartments, 104th Street and Broadway.

Not at all baffled by her mate's absence, according to Wandling, the former Clara Suggs, reputed Buffalo heiress, broke through a window and tore off a lock to gain entrance to his apartment at 611 West 163d St. When the patrolman returned he says he found that some of the furniture was missing. Had it not been for the building superintendent, Wandling said, all of it might have vanished.

That worthy became intrigued by a procession from the fire escape to a moving van which stood by the corner, and investigated.

Mrs. Wandling, he declared, according to the patrolman, offered him "two years' rent in advance" if he would let her take the furniture.

The policeman and former aviator announced also that he had located the "mysterious millionaire," whom he intends to serve with a summons in a suit for alienation of affections, and that papers will be served soon. He refused to name the prospective defendant at this time.

"But I'll find her," he announced determinedly.